



# *Proclamation*

**WHEREAS**, the men and women of the United States Armed Forces have responded whenever called upon to defend our country at home and abroad, placing the nation and state's interests above their own; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1944, President Franklin D. Roosevelt signed the G.I. Bill into law, observing that America's servicemen and servicewomen wanted "the assurance of satisfactory employment" more than anything else upon their return to civilian life; and

**WHEREAS**, more than one thousand of Hawai'i's veterans were discharged from all branches of the Armed Forces between March 2004 and February 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, today's veterans have educational and leadership skills, maturity and a dedication to service fostered by their military experience and want to share these talents with prospective employers, as veterans have done in the past; and

**WHEREAS**, 3,838 Hawai'i veterans registered for work with the Department of Labor, Workforce Development in the last program year, and nearly 1,700 of these individuals re-entered the workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, employers have found in veterans the training and character that make them reliable, resilient employees capable of meeting the toughest challenges,

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, LINDA LINGLE**, Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim March 2005 as

## **HIRE A VETERAN MONTH**

in the Aloha State, and urge employers to provide jobs for these highly capable men and women.

**DONE** at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this fifteenth day of February 2005.

Linda Lingle  
Governor, State of Hawai'i